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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GOC OFFICIALS TO ALERT THEM OF PARTICULAR AREAS OF US CONCERN AND TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION IN OTTAWA ON JUNE 20.

2.A. IF PRICES ARE SUSTAINED AT THE OBJECTIVE PUT FORWARD BY CEMA AND CTMA, WHAT TRENDS ARE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP IN PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION?

B. ARE THE "GUARANTEED PRICES" TO PRODUCERS ENCOURAGING INCREASES RATHER THAN CUTBACKS IN PRODUCTION? (E.G., ARE HENS WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO SLAUGHTER STILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEPT FOR LAYING BECAUSE OF THE GUARANTEED PRICE?

C. WHAT HAS BEEN THE EFFECT OF SUBSIDIZING EGGS TO BREAKERS: GREATER SPREADS FOR BREAKERS; GREATER VOLUME OF EGGS BROKEN; LOWER PRICES FOR FROZEN EGGS, OR SOME COMBINATION OF THESE?

D. HOW DOES CANADA INTEND TO DISPOSE OF ITS SURPLUS TURKEY MEAT? (SURPLUS EGGS CAN BE SOLD TO BREAKERS BUT

THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SIMILAR SECONDARY MARKET FOR TURKEYS).

E. HOW DOES CANADA'S MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF EGGS (SHELL, FROZEN, AND DRIED) AND TURKEYS (LIVE, WHOLE, EVISCERATED AND PARTS) COMPARE TO ITS PRODUCTION OF THESE COMMODITIES BEFORE THE SUPPLY-MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS WERE ESTABLISHED?

F. HOW CLOSELY DO CANADA'S PROVINCIAL, CEMA AND CTMA PRODUCTION QUOTAS COINCIDE WITH ACTUAL PRODUCTION?

G.1.ARE THERE ANY LIMITS ON THE CEMA AND CTMA LEVIES ON PRODUCERS OR ANY LIMIT ON THE TOTAL CHARGE THAT CAN BE APPLIED BY THE MARKETING AUTHORITIES?

2. CAN CTMA AND CEMA REMAIN SELF-SUFFICIENT WITHOUT CONTINUALLY INCREASING THE PRODUCER LEVIES?

3. WHAT WILL CEMA AND CTMA DO IF THE LEVIES BECOME SO HIGH THAT PRODUCERS REFUSE TO TURN THE COMMODITIES OVER TO THE MARKETING AUTHORITIES AND INSTEAD SELL THEM ON THE FREE MARKET?

H. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CEMA AND CTMA TARGET PRICES FOR PRODUCERS AND THE TARGET PRICES WHICH TRIGGER THE IMPORT QUOTAS? IF SO, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? ARE THESE PRICES CHANGED MONTHLY? WHEN WILL THERE BE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THESE PRICES?

I. WHAT ARE THE DATA AND FORMULAS WHICH ARE RELEVANT FOR COMPUTING THE MONTHLY VOLUME OF IMPORTS TO BE COVERED BY IMPORT PERMITS? WHAT IS CANADA'S RATIONALE FOR USING A MONTHLY FIVE YEAR AVERAGE AS THE BASIS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE IMPORT QUOTAS? ARE THESE FIVE YEAR MOVING AVERAGES?

J.1.CAN WE BE SUPPLIED WITH THE FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL SERIES WITH SOURCES FOR: WEEKLY PRODUCTION, WEEKLY PRICES, WEEKLY STOCKS AND WEEKLY IMPORTS OF EACH COMMODITY SUBJECT TO IMPORT CONTROL?

2. WHAT, IF ANY, US DATA (WITH SOURCE) IS UTILIZED?

K. WHAT IS THE CEMA AND CTMA NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL
PRODUCTION TARGETS FOR 1974 FOR THE COMMODITIES SUBJECT
TO IMPORT CONTROL?

L. HOW DOES CANADA INTEND TO GIVE ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE
OF THE QUANTITY OF THE PRODUCT TO BE IMPORTED IN A
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